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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Yasuaki Nakamura et al.

Application No.: 10/643,312

Filed: August 18, 2003

For: Disk Control System and Control
Method of Disk Control System

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 4217

Examiner: Unassigned

Technology Center/Art Unit: 2186

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
SUBMITTED WITH PETITION TO
MAKE SPECIAL

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In connection with the Petition to Make Special submitted herewith, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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